

Abel Stearns Papers: Addenda 1

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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract: This collection chiefly consists of correspondence addressed to Southern California businessman and politician Abel Stearns (1798-1871), relating to his early business affairs. Included are materials containing information on American trade in Cuba, Argentina, Mexico and California, with comments on the political situations in those countries and in the United States.

Language of Material: The records are in English and Spanish.

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Biographical Note

Abel Stearns was a pioneer ranch owner and businessman in Los Angeles, California. As a young man, he left his native Massachusetts to engage in South American and China shipping trade. He went to Mexico in 1826, became a naturalized citizen, and in 1829 moved to Monterey, Calif. By 1833, he settled in Los Angeles where he became a wealthy businessman and influential politician.

- [Abel Stearns Papers, 1821-1935](#) (Call number: mssStearns papers)
- [Abel Stearns Papers: Addenda 2, 1817-1878](#) (Call number: mssHM 57166-57209)

Scope and Content

Correspondence of Abel Stearns, chiefly letters addressed to him, relating to his early business affairs. Included are materials containing information on American trade in Cuba, Argentina, Mexico and California, with comments on the political situations in those countries and in the United States, the political situation in the Rio de la Plata region and the early exploits of Juan Manuel de Rosas. Also included are letters on the shoe trade in Cuba and the United States.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the [Huntington Library's Online Catalog](#).

Personal Names

Stearns, Abel, 1798-1871

Subjects

Businessmen--California--Archives

Argentina--History--1810---Sources

California--History--1821-1848--Sources

Cuba--History--1810-1899--Sources
Mexico--History--1821-1861--Sources
United States--Foreign relations--Cuba

Genre

Letters (correspondence)--United States--19th century
Personal papers--United States--19th century

Box 1

Papers of Abel Stearns: Addenda 1. 1821-1879

Physical Description: 1 box

HM 49066 **Withington, Enos to Abel Stearns 1821, December 26**

Location: Savannah

HM 48998 **Clarke, Nathaniel to Abel Stearns 1822, January 10**

Location: Havana, [Cuba]

HM 49063 **Weston, Asahel to Abel Stearns 1822, January 10**

Location: Baltimore

HM 49058 **Tupper and Kimball (firm) to Abel Stearns 1822, February 6**

Location: Charleston, South Carolina. Note: Followed by copy of letter from Job Green to Abel Stearns, dated January 11, 1822

HM 49023 **Ogilvie, Thomas C. to Abel Stearns 1822, February 24**

Location: Havana, [Cuba]

HM 49059 **Tupper and Kimball (firm) to Abel Stearns 1822, February 27**

Location: Charleston, [South Carolina]

HM 49017 **Howe, Jacob to Abel Stearns 1822, March 2**

Location: Boston

HM 48995 **Clark, Ferdinand to Abel Stearns 1822, March 4**

Location: Havana, [Cuba]

HM 49060 **Tupper and Kimball (firm) to Abel Stearns 1822, March 4**

Location: Charleston, [South Carolina]

HM 48996 **Clark, Ferdinand to Abel Stearns 1822, May 9**

Location: Havana, [Cuba]

HM 49014 **Hancock, William to Abel Stearns 1822, May 16**

Location: Havana, [Cuba]

HM 48997 **Clark, Ferdinand to Abel Stearns 1822, May 18**

Location: Havana, [Cuba]

HM 48990 **Bartlett, George to Abel Stearns 1822, May 30**

Baltimore

HM 49000 **Daniell, Josiah to Abel Stearns 1822, June 14**

Location: Havana, [Cuba]

HM 49001 **Daniell, Josiah to Abel Stearns 1822, July 27**

Location: Havana, [Cuba]

HM 48999 **Clarke, Nathaniel to Abel Stearns 1823, February 14**

Location: Havana, [Cuba]

HM 49002 **Daniell, Josiah to Abel Stearns 1823, March 6**

Location: Buenos Aires

HM 49003 **Daniell, Josiah to Abel Stearns 1823, April 11**

Location: Buenos Aires

HM 49037 **Penniman, William to Abel Stearns 1823, May 29**

Location: Baltimore

HM 49040 **Taber, Thomas to Abel Stearns 1825, August 1**

Location: New York, [N.Y.]

HM 49041 **Taber, Thomas to Abel Stearns 1825, August 4**

Location: New York, [N.Y.]

HM 49042 **Taber, Thomas to Abel Stearns 1825, September 13**

Location: New York, [N.Y.]

HM 49043 **Taber, Thomas to Abel Stearns 1825, September 21**

Location: New York, [N.Y.]

HM 49044 **Taber, Thomas to Abel Stearns 1825, November 29**

Location: Philadelphia

HM 49045 **Taber, Thomas to Abel Stearns 1825, December 3**

Location: Philadelphia

HM 48988 **B-----, A. Stock Transfer form, blank. [circa 1825]**

HM 49046 **Taber, Thomas to Abel Stearns 1826, January 3**

Location: New York, [N.Y.]. Note: Letter is dated 1825, apparently by mistake

HM 49047 **Taber, Thomas to Abel Stearns 1826, January 26**

Location: New York, [N.Y.]

HM 49048 **Taber, Thomas to Abel Stearns 1826, January 27**

Location: New York, [N.Y.]

HM 49049 **Taber, Thomas to Abel Stearns 1826, January 30**

Location: New York, [N.Y.]

HM 49018 **Inglee, Fuller and Company to Abel Stearns 1826, January 31**

Location: New York [N.Y.]

HM 49050 **Taber, Thomas to Abel Stearns 1826, February 1**

Location: New York, [N.Y.]

HM 49021 **Marks, Henry H. to Abel Stearns 1826, February 2**

Location: New York, [N.Y.]

HM 49051 **Taber, Thomas to Abel Stearns 1826, February 3**

Location: New York, [N.Y.]

HM 49052 **Taber, Thomas to Abel Stearns 1826, February 6**

Location: New York, [N.Y.]

HM 49022 **Marks, Henry H. to Abel Stearns 1826, February 12**

Location: New York, [N.Y.]

HM 49053 **Taber, Thomas to Abel Stearns 1826, February 14**

Location: New York, [N.Y.]

HM 49054 **Taber, Thomas to Abel Stearns 1826, February 21**

Location: Boston

HM 49055 **Taber, Thomas to Abel Stearns 1826, February 28**

Location: Boston

HM 49056 **Taber, Thomas to Abel Stearns 1826, March 23**

Location: Boston

HM 48992 **Bork, Carlos [C-----] to Abel Stearns 1827, May 3**

Location: [Queretaro?], Mex.

HM 48991 **Bork, Carlos C to Abel Stearns 1826, November 17**

Location: Durango, [Mex.]

HM 48993 **Breed, Samuel D. to Abel Stearns 1827, March 3**

Location: Philadelphia

HM 48994 **Breed, Samuel D. to Abel Stearns 1827, September 23**

Location: Philadelphia

HM 49025 **Peck, Serhman to Abel Stearns 1828, January 31**

Location: Guanajuato, Mex.

HM 49067 **Woodbury, J.L. to Abel StearnsE [circa 1828], April 18**

Location: San Luis Potosi, Mex. Note: Letter is undated, but Stearns was in Mexico City 1826-1829, with business in San Luis Potosi especially in 1828

HM 49026 **Peck, Sherman to Abel Stearns 1828, May 26**

Location: Guanajuato, Mex.

HM 49027 **Peck, Sherman to Abel Stearns 1828, July 20**

Location: San Luis Potosi, Mex.

HM 49028 **Peck, Sherman to Abel Stearns 1828, August 28**

Location: San Luis Potosi, Mex.

HM 49029 **Peck, Sherman to Abel Stearns 1828, October 25**

Location: San Luis Potosi, Mex.

HM 49029 **Peck, Sherman to Abel Stearns 1828, October 25**

Location: San Luis Potosi, Mex.

HM 49030 **Peck, Sherman to Abel Stearns 1828, November 10**

Location: San Luis Potosi, Mex.

HM 49031 **Peck, Sherman to Abel Stearns 1828, November 27**

Location: San Juan, Mex.

HM 49024 **Pacheco to Abel Stearns [circa 1828], December 7**

Location: [Mex.]

HM 49012 **Fitzgerald, E. to Abel Stearns [circa 1828], December 23**

Location: Acapulco, Mex.

HM 49032 **Peck, Sherman to Abel Stearns 1828, December 25**

Location: Guadalajara, Mex.

HM 49038 **Rodriguez, Ignacio to Abel Stearns 1829, March 12**

Location: [Irapuato?], Mex.

HM 49007 **Eayrs, George Washington to Abel Stearns 1829, April 8**

Location: Mexico City

HM 49008 **Eayrs, George Washington to Abel Stearns 1829, April**

Location: Mexico City

HM 49013 **Gritton, Edward to Abel Stearns 1829, May 16**

Location: [Mexico City]

HM 49068 **[Stearns, Abel to Jose Maria Echeandia 1829, August 20**

Location: Monterey, Calif. Note: Place and date is in a different hand from that of the body of the letter. This seems to be the letter mentioned in passing in Doris Wright, A Yankee in Mexican California, page 11

HM 49039 **Spence, David [Stephen] to Abel Stearns 1829, August 25**

Location: Monterey, Calif.

HM 49033 **Peck, Sherman to Abel Stearns 1829, October 3**

Location: Monterey, Calif.

HM 49034 **Peck, Sherman to Abel Stearns 1829, October 29**

Location: Oahu, Hawaii

HM 49057 **Trant, Samuel L. to Abel Stearns 1830, February 22**

Location: Guadalajara, Mex.

HM 49010 **Elwell, Robert [J.] to Abel Stearns 1830, March 15**

Location: Santa Barbara, Calif.

HM 49035 **Peck, Sherman to Abel Stearns 1830, March 23**

Location: Oahu, Hawaii

HM 49011 **Elwell, Robert J. to [Abel Stearns] 1830, May 25**

Location: Santa Barbara, Calif.

HM 49005 **Duran, Narciso to Abel Stearns 1830, June 11**

Location: San Jose, Calif.

HM 49009 **Eayrs, George Washington to Abel Stearns 1830, June 11**

Location: Guadalajara, Mex.

HM 49061 **Viader, Jose to Abel Stearns 1830, June 13**

Location: Santa Clara, Calif.

HM 48989 **Barron, Forbes and Company (firm) to Abel Stearns 1830, June 16**

Location: San Blas, Mex.

HM 49006 **Duran, Marciso to Abel Stearns 1830, June 22**

Location: San Jose, Calif.

HM 49020 **1830, August 15 Jones, John Coffin to Abel Stearns**

Location: Oahu, Hawaii

HM 49015 **Hook, Henry to ----- Cook 1830, September 13**

Location: San Francisco

HM 49016 **Hook, Henry to Abel Stearns 1830, September 17**

Location: Monterey, Calif.

HM 49016 **Hook, Henry to Abel Stearns 1830, September 17**

Location: Monterey, Calif.

HM 49062 **Walmsly, Guillermo W. to Abel Stearns 1830, September 23**

Location: [Mex.]

HM 49036 **Peck, Sherman to Abel Stearns 1830, December 12**

Location: Oahu, Hawaii

HM 49064 **Whiting, William J. to Abel Stearns 1830, December 22**

Location: San Diego, Calif.

HM 49065 **Whiting, Wiilliam J. to Abel Stearns 1831, February 1**

Location: San Diego, Calif.

HM 49019 **Jones, John Coffin to Abel Stearns 1931, March 1**

Location: Oahu, Hawaii

HM 49004 **Drakenfeld, B.F. to Robert Symington Baker 1879, June 28**

Location: Los Angeles